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In re application of:

Nordine CHEIKH *et al.*

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For: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other  
Molecules Associated with the  
Phosphogluconate Pathway**

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**Amendment and Response**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2003 (Paper Number 22)  
("Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks:

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